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MEMORANDUM FOR

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- Be sure to send a copy of your No. 350, March 26th, to the Acting Secretary of State and Mr. Rockefeller.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM: William J. Donovan

Further on the subject of the so-called "Secret Map" of South America, the following is an article written by Santiago Sanches Calvete, in Buenos Aires to the President of "The Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company", which you might be interested in reading.

"1. General Wilhelm Faupel Author of 'Secret Map'  
Denounced by President Roosevelt

In the Map Room of the Ibero-American Institute of Berlin, there are an extraordinary number of charts, military, naval and topographical. These would not be out of place in a Regimental Headquarters but it is very strange to see them in a supposedly cultural organization which pretends to deal exclusively with the betterment of relations between Germany and the Latin-American Republics. Here many men spend hours studying and discussing in low voices economic, military and political problems of South

America. They sit around a big center table on which are spread many maps. We are now at Breitstrasse 37 in the German capital, in the buildings which were once the Royal Stables and are now the Ibero-American Institute founded in 1930. Its formation was based on the library donated by Dr. Ernesto Quezada and which today consists of 150,000 volumes. Who are these men who, once the doors of the Institute are closed, spend their time in the Map Room secretly studying and discussing? What are they planning? These men, whose activities now concern not only Central and South America but also the United States, I know intimately. They are General Wilhelm Faupel, Director of the Institute; Mayor Felix Von Frantzing, his adjutant; Mr. Juan Lumme, chief of the German-Latin-American Economic Organization centered in Berlin; Mr. Bock, specialist in Central-American economic and cultural problems; Professor Fiebrig, head of the Argentina-Paraguay-Uruguay section and many others. During the months of October, November and December 1938, I was Advanced Spanish Professor in the Institute's night-school. Classes were held three times a week. Many times at the beginning or

close of the lesson, I would see those who met in the Map Room going by secretly as though afraid of being seen:

"I am telling these incidents as they are intimately related with a recent event in the U.S.A. I refer to the sensational announcement made by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in which he stated the existence of a secret Nazi Map, which divided Latin-America into five sections, which will be conquered or come under complete Nazi control. Up to now, President Roosevelt had not published the contents and origin of this secret map made in Germany, perhaps with the object of not compromising certain people involved.

"Having been for several years (1935 to 1939) literary collaborator, military translator and personal friend of General Wilhelm Faupel, I am in a position to corroborate the existence of the aforementioned map which was made and thoroughly prepared by the same General Faupel and his technical helpers, all of them perfect masters of the language, customs and culture of the Latin American countries.

It cannot be otherwise, for there is no other person in Germany who knows Latin America more thoroughly than Faupel and his wife Dr. Edith Faupel. After his return from Spain where he had been the first German Ambassador to the then triumphant Franco, he became for a second time in March, 1938 Director of the Institute. From that moment he intensified the cultural, intellectual and military espionage which the Institute had already been carrying out in Latin America. He maintained a great interchange of literature, books and information of all kinds, he encouraged visits of Latin American intellectuals, doctors and military men to Germany, paying their expenses and treating them with great regard in order to convert them into admirers of the Third Reich and so turn them into conscious or unconscious agents for the territorial and economic conquest of the Western Hemisphere which is part of the plan for world conquest proposed by Mr. Hitler.

"The five territorial regions which appear in the secret map correspond exactly to the five sections in which the Ibero-American Institute has been divided for



many years. As I have been in and out of the Institute continually during the years 1935 to January 1939, translating military, economic and technical papers for the General and other heads of departments, I am aware of the excellent method, iron will and amazing organizing power of Wilhelm Faupel.

"The five divisions of the Institute which to my mind correspond with the sections in the secret map, are as follows:

- SECTION I.      Argentine, Uruguay, Papaguay. In charge of Professor Fiebrig former director of the Botanical Gardens of Asuncion, Paraguay, deported from this country for mixing in internal politics. His principal collaborators are Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Erwin Hoene and Dr. Edith Faupel.
- SECTION II.      Brazil. In charge of Professor Otto Quelle. Principal collaborator Dr. Richert. Professor Quelle has been often in Brazil visiting the German colony there.
- SECTION III.      Chile and Bolivia. In charge of Fritz

Berndt, headmaster of an elementary school in Berlin and correspondent in Germany for several Bolivian newspapers. His principal technical adviser is Federico Nielsen Reyes, former Secretary of the Bolivian Legation in Berlin and a great Nazi propagandist in South America.

SECTION IV.

Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela. Under the direction of Dr. Edith Faupel, wife of the General, a woman with an extraordinary capacity for work, a great diplomat and with a thorough knowledge of Latin American countries. Her principal assistants are Professor Max Uhle, two permanent secretaries and many others.

SECTION V.

Mexico, Central American countries and the Antilles. Under the direction of Dr. Walter Hagen, Assisted by Mr. Bock. Both these men have excellent knowledge of these countries.

"Each one of the five internal divisions of the Institute covers what in German is called a "Wirtschaftsraum" (Economic Region) of Latin America, which depicts the specific and determined character and industries which separates it from the other four sections, and also points out the strategic and internal political aspects which are carefully studied and controlled.

"The Institute has had many spies and agents in Central and South America, some of which I have spoken to personally in Berlin when they have been to deliver information and to receive their instructions from their chief head of the Gestapo in Argentina and who escaped to Brazil to avoid being detained by the Argentine authorities. Another of these agents is my ex-Spanish pupil in Berlin, former Consul-General in Santiago de Chile, Paul Baradon, who was expelled from this country for giving false passports to the sailors of the "Graf Spee" who escaped from their internment in Argentina. At present Baradon occupies a diplomatic position in Uruguay where he continues unmolested in his work of spreading Nazism, sabotaging and preparing for the Nazi conquest of South America.



"The pupils in my classes in the Ibero-American Institute were a group of adults who had lived for some time in Latin America. General Faupel instructed them secretly for their future roll of emissaries of the Third Reich in South America. He also ordered them to be taught characteristic Spanish by a native, in this case myself. Among the pupils who were being trained as spies I would mention Mr. Herta Degenfuhrt, employed by 'Scade' since transferred to Ecuador; the mysterious Ella Hunne, Gisele Thies, Walter Machalski who has expert knowledge of Brazil, Mr. Hermann and Messrs. Hornkohl knaut, etc. All of them, naturally under assumed names, are now 'working' in our countries with the financial help and protection of the Reich.

"The principal spies in Argentina under the orders and protection of Faupel are Godofredo Santede, Wilhelm Hammerschmidt, former German Consul in Cordoba (Argentina) actually living in Chile as head of propaganda. He still goes continually to Argentina attending meetings of Nazi leaders in La Faldo, Cordoba, presided by the German ambassador Edmund von Thermann. Santede, Hammerschmidt

and the Faupels tried their utmost to bribe me and make me a traitor to my country. Because of their continued threats to inter me in a concentration camp, I left Germany secretly on January 31, 1939.

"Actually as our country is about the only one in Latin America that has not severed relations with Axis, all the Nazi spies from Central and South America are arriving here. The Argentine authorities take no notice of this invasion which is a menace to our country.

"The Nazi infiltration in Latin America and Argentina in particular, is now complete. Everything is prepared and ready for action. The Nazis will now try the military conquest of South America as the U.S.A. is occupied with the war in the Pacific. Recently we got news that General Faupel is at present in Spanish Morocco. Knowing the General's methods, I am sure he is preparing the invasion of Latin America. The attack may come about in a few months or in a few weeks. With the help of Vichy the Germans will launch a double offensive. First, from Dakar against Brazil (Natal) by means of their powerful aviation; Second, against Argentina by means of their super-submarines, which have an immense radius of action and can carry any amount

of cargo (I heard vague reference to these submarines whilst in Germany). The 'Fifth Column' in Brazil, Argentina and Chile will be ready to assist.

"What is done here in Argentina with regard to this imminent Nazi attack? Almost nothing, because, according to the government, Argentina is not in danger of any outside enemy. We just look at the smoke and do not investigate its source."